

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

Sun	Oct 3	11:30 am	Thomas McCarthy
Mon	Oct 4	7:00 am	Molly Ryan Charbonneau
Wed	Oct 6	7:00 am	Molly Ryan Charbonneau
Fri	Oct 8	7:00 am	Mary F. Plodzic
Sat	Oct 9	5:00 pm	John & Margaret Barrett
Sun	Oct 10	7:30 am	Helen Flannery
		9:30 am	John S. Casey
		11:30 am	Christopher O'Grady

**Prayer Requests**

*Please Pray for...*

Kay, Carmen, Sally, Francesca, Frank, Ellen, Julie, Warren, Margaret Jungers, Deb A, Mary O, Norman, Marie P., Sr. Marjorie, Steve, Dean N., Jerry M., Ted, M.J., Kevin F., Tom Kelley, Jim, Jeanne A., Dan, Bill & family, Richard N., Martha, the Castelin family, Marion, John, Joan, Robert, Thelma, Marian Height, Vivian Terella, Diane Y., Bob S., Steve R., Joan M., Bob J., Dylan DeWitt, Joe B., and the residents, patients, and staff of area nursing homes and Emerson Hospital.

*If there is someone who is sick and whose name you would like in the bulletin so that our parish may hold them in prayer, please contact the Parish Center. We will leave a name on the list until you call and tell us otherwise or until our periodic clearing of the list. Please remember that some people would prefer their names not be published here*

**Bereavement Support Group**

The next Bereavement Group meeting is Wed Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Sister Rose Marie at 978-369-7442 or [rosel55church@aol.com](mailto:rosel55church@aol.com).

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is in full swing! All children in grades K- 5 are invited to attend and hear age-appropriate reflections on the Scripture readings at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday mornings. Preschoolers are also welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent.

**Inquiry Group**

The Inquiry program is open to all those who have never been baptized, those who have been baptized as an infant but never instructed in the faith, and those who are from another faith community but are interested in receiving formation in the Catholic faith. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 5th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center. For details, please contact Sister Rose Marie at 978-369-7442.

**Baptism Preparation Class**

Our next Baptism Preparation class is Thur Oct 7 at 7:30 pm at the Parish Center. Babies and/or siblings are welcome to attend! For more information or to register, please call 978-369-7442.

**ARISE: and Advent Journey with Scripture**

Our popular parish-wide ARISE program will commence again in late October. ARISE provides a wonderful opportunity to build friendships and share life stories as you explore what the weekly Scriptural reading is saying to you. This is not Bible studies, but a way to listen to God speaking in your life through his inspired word. Small-community groups will gather in private homes once weekly for six sessions as we journey together towards Christmas. No experience necessary, just a desire to have fun and share. If you are interested in finding our more about Hosting or Facilitating a small-community group please call Deacon Gregory Burch at 978-371-9696.

**Service and Justice News**



**Fall Food Drive: Now in Progress**

The Service and Justice Fall Food Drive has started. A donation, large or small, from *EACH* household *EACH* week would be such a wonderful blessing for those in need.

**A Holy Family Day with Habitat for Humanity!**

We have an opportunity for 6-10 people to participate in a local house-building project in Hudson, MA. Habitat for Humanity has kindly set aside Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until 4 pm for our parish to volunteer. Building skills are helpful but are not necessary. We will be working indoors. Men, women, and youth age 16 and over are welcome. If interested, please contact Katie McGillicuddy at [mcgill336@gmail.com](mailto:mcgill336@gmail.com), or 978-897-8262. Volunteers will be chosen on a first-come first served basis.

**Special Events Committee**

Chair: Joanne Cormier 978-369-3085  
Co-Chair: Bernadette Jaros 978-369-7687

There is only one ticket left for our popular **Boston "Holiday Pops"** event being held at Boston Symphony Hall on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. Please contact Joanne NOW to reserve your spot! Tickets will be handed out the evening of the event. The motorcoach will leave the Parish Center parking lot at 6:30 pm and will return at approx 11:15 pm. Please be at the parking lot at 6:00 pm.

The next scheduled Special Events meeting will be held on Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Parish Center. New members are always welcome to join us!

**Moms & Tots**

Please join us for Moms & Tots, beginning on Tuesday October 5 from 9:30 am until 11:30 am in the basement of Monument Hall. This play group meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month and is open to children from newborn to pre-K. Children play while Moms supervise and chat. Please bring your own snacks as needed. If you have any questions, contact Eileen Robichaud at 978-369-0415.

**Weekly Schedule**

Religious Education Classes, Grades K- 8 Sun Oct 3 at 12:45 pm at Monument Hall

High School Religious Education Classes Sun Oct 3 at 4:00 pm at Monument Hall

Rosary before and after daily Mass

Women's Bible Study Mon Oct 4 at 10:00 am at Monument Hall

Service & Justice Commission Mon Oct 4 at 6:30 pm at the Parish Center

Parish Pastoral Council Mon Oct 4 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Moms & Tots Tues Oct 5 at 9:30 am at Monument Hall

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00 pm in the church

Religious Education Classes, Grades K- 5 Tues Oct 5 at 4:00 pm at Monument Hall

Religious Education Classes, Grades 2- 8 Tues Oct 5 at 6:00 pm at Monument Hall

Inquiry Program (RCIA) Tues Oct 5 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Circle of Friends Wed Oct 6 at 9:30 am at Monument Hall

Religious Education Classes, Grades 1-5 Wed Oct 6 at 4:00 pm at Monument Hall

Youth Leadership Board Wed Oct 6 at 6:15 pm at Monument Hall

Youth Council Wed Oct 6 at 7:00 pm at Monument Hall

Bereavement Group Wed Oct 6 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Handbell Choir Thur Oct 7 at 6:15 pm at the church

Choir Rehearsal Thur Oct 7 at 7:15 pm at the church

Baptism Preparation Class Thur Oct 7 at 7:30 pm at the Parish Center

**Music News**

**Handbell Ringers Wanted**

Some folks from the parish have recently donated monies in order to purchase additional handbells for our year-old Handbell Choir. Some great news to share—the brand new set of bells have just arrived from the factory! So... with the additional bells comes the need for additional bell ringers. If you think you might be interested in joining the choir, please speak with Jim Barkovic, the Director of Music, or one of our current handbell ringers. Membership is open to anyone, adults and youth in grades 9 and up. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:15 at the church. Hope you can join us!

**Choir Correction**

The combined Children's and Youth choirs will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sun Oct 3. The Youth Choir will not be singing on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Socks for Rosie's Place**

Just a reminder: we are collecting NEW white socks for the guests at Rosie's Place. There are baskets at the doors of the church for the donated socks. Thank you for your kindness.

**Community News**

**Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Weekend**

On Oct 16 and 17, the Knights of Columbus Concord Bedford Council will be selling Tootsie Rolls at the doors of the church after Masses. Proceeds benefit disabled children.

**Blessing of the Animals Reminder**

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Emerson Umbrella Center for the Arts.

**Faith Formation News**

**VIRTUS Reminder**

One-time training needed for those who work in our faith formation programs. Upcoming opportunities include: Wed Oct 6 at 7:00 pm at St Joseph, Needham, Thur Oct 14 at 6:30 pm at St Catherine, Westford, and Sun Oct 17 at 12:30 pm at St Catherine, Westford. *Please contact the host parish directly to register.*

**Volunteers Still Needed!**

We still have the following needs for catechists: Tues 4pm Grades 1 and 5, Tues 6 pm Grade 3, Wed 4 pm Grade 1. There is also a need for childcare help on Tues nights, small group leaders for high school, and classroom aides at various times. Please contact Tony Carbrello if you can help!

**Adult Faith Formation Planning Opportunity**

Since I arrived in late summer, a number of parishioners have expressed a desire to see more adult faith formation programs at Holy Family. I know that there have been programs offered here in the past as well as at neighboring parishes like St. Irene's in Carlisle. I would like to get together with those interested in this area of faith formation so we can meet, discuss past offerings, and plan our future trajectory. If you are interested in being part of such a group, please contact me at [dff55church@aol.com](mailto:dff55church@aol.com) or call 978-369-0071. Many thanks...Ken Meltz

**Youth News**

**Concord CROP Walk**—This year's Concord CROP Walk for the Hungry will be Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at First Parish. Registration is at 1:30 pm, with the step-off at 2:15. Funds from the walk will help support community-based suppers and pantries as well as world-wide hunger relief, community development, and disaster relief through. Any youth (Grades 6-12) interested in walking should contact Jaclyn Daniels. This is a FUN, easy way to make a difference in our local community, so sign up to walk TODAY!

You can help by walking, pledging, or recruiting others to join in this worthwhile event. Parent coordinators will be in the Gathering Space on Sunday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 am & 11:30 am Masses to recruit adult walkers and take pledges.

*If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about any item(s) in our Youth News, please contact our Youth Minister, Jaclyn Daniels at [YouthMin55Church@aol.com](mailto:YouthMin55Church@aol.com) or 978-369-7442.*